

for persons and papers and that they report what legislation, if any, is necessary or practicable to secure the best interests of the State in these institutions.

Ratified the 18th day of December, A. D. 1868.

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO BANKS.

Committee to investigate condition of Literary fund.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five, three of the House and two of the Senate, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to investigate the condition of the Literary Fund, the sinking funds of all banks of the State which have suspended operation and which are represented as insolvent and unsettled, in which the State or any State institution is interested as stockholder or otherwise.

Council and clerical aid authorized.

That the aforesaid Committee be authorized to sit during this session of this Legislature, to employ all necessary clerical aid, counsel or experts, to administer oaths and keep record, to send for persons and papers, to proceed to such places in the State as the necessity of the investigation may require, and to institute such an examination of books, papers, property, persons and premises as they may deem necessary.

Of what to inquire

That said Committee shall carefully and specially inquire as follows, viz: The number and name of debtors and creditors, the amount of bills in circulation on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the amount redeemed since May, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, also the amount outstanding on the first and thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, the number of depositors on the date of suspending operation, and also the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, the number and amount of deposits paid during the war, and since May the first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, the property of whatever kind in possession or belonging to